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## **ST. PETERSBURG ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT**

Tampa, Florida - U.S. District Judge Elizabeth A. Kovachevich today sentenced Dennis D. Williams (age 48, of St. Petersburg) to life imprisonment for narcotics and firearms offenses.

Williams was found guilty by a jury on November 20, 2008, of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine, carrying a firearm during a drug trafficking crime, and possessing a firearm after having been convicted of a felony.

According to court documents, Williams, along with two co-defendants, agreed to commit an armed robbery of what they believed was a cocaine stash house. When Williams was arrested, he was in possession of a loaded .357 caliber revolver, which he intended to use to commit the robbery.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the St. Petersburg Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jeffrey S. Downing.